

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BELFAS 00283 111507Z

43

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 SAM-01

SCCT-01 IO-13 ACDA-10 /094 W
----- 086220

R 111408Z AUG 76

FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1385

INFO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USNAVCOMMSTA LONDONDERRY

UNCLAS BELFAST 283

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, UK, EI

SUBJECT: INFANT, CHILD AND GUNMAN DIE IN BELFAST VIOLENCE

1. VIOLENCE CONTINUED IN BELFAST AUGUST 10-11. THESE MORE THAN TWENTY VEHICLE HIJACKINGS, TWO MAJOR INSTANCES OF ARSON AND AN INCREASE IN SHOOTING INCIDENTS. TROOPS FIRED ON MORE THAN TWENTY TIMES AND FIRED BACK ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. AT LEAST THREE CIVILIANS WOUNDED. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY MOST UNEASY ABOUT NEW LEVEL PROVISIONAL IRA ACTIVITY. VIOLENCE SPREAD FROM WEST BELFAST TO REPUBLICAN AREAS AND HOUSING ESTATES IN EAST AND NORTH BELFAST AND TO SHORT STRAND ENCLAVE. M2 MOTORWAY CLOSED DURING TWENTY-MINUTE GUN BATTLE BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUNMEN NORTH OF CITY AND M1 CLOSED SOUTH OF CITY BECAUSE OF HIJACKINGS AND SUSPECT BOMBS. IN MOST TRAGIC SINGLE INCIDENT PURSUING TROOPS SHOT AND KILLED DRIVER OF HIJACKED AUTOMOBILE WHICH SPEEDING AWAY FROM GUN ATTACK ON PATROL AFTERNOON AUGUST 10. PASSENGER IN THE STOLEN VEHICLE WOUNDED. AUTOMOBILE CRASHED ON SIDEWALK KILLING MONTH OLD INFANT IN PERAMBULATOR AND HIS NINE-YEAR OLD SISTER ON BICYCLE. MOTHER AND ANOTHER YOUNG SON SERIOUSLY INJURED. VIOLENCE STILL CONTAINED IN REPUBLICAN UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BELFAS 00283 111507Z

AREAS. THESE SERIOUS POSSIBILITY SPREAD OF STREET VIOLENCE

TO LONDONDERRY WHERE (PROTESTANT) APPRENTICE BOYS PARADE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12.

2. THERE COOL ULSTER REACTION TO PROPOSAL BY FRONT BENCH CONSERVATIVE AIREY NEAVE AUGUST 10 FOR UNIFIED ALL-PARTY APPROACH TO SECRETARY OF STATE REES SEEKING A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE ON SECURITY POLICIES. LOCAL PRESS QUOTES MR. NEAVE AS SAYING MR. REES "...SHOULD RELEASE THE ARMY TO ROOT OUT TERRORISM." MR. NEAVE WHO WILL VISIT PROVINCE NEXT WEEK ALSO REPORTEDLY AFFIRMED TORIES STANDING BY BI-PARTISAN POLICY ON NORTHERN IRELAND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. THOSE UNIONIST POLITICIANS WHO HAVE REACTED SO FAR HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN HIS PROPOSAL IN VERY CAUTIOUS TERMS.

3. IN AFTERMATH OF ATTACK ON HOME OF M.P. GERRY FITT, ANOTHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY LEADER, PADDY DEVLIN, HAS SAID THAT HE AND MR. FITT BELIEVE PROVISIONAL IRA INTEND TO KIDNAP "SOMEBODY". HOSTAGE WOULD BE USED TO BARGAIN WITH GOVERNMENT FOR RETENTION "SPECIAL CATEGORY" STATUS FOR CONVICTED TERRORISTS.
SPICER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TERRORISTS, CIVIL DISORDERS, ATROCITIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BELFAS00283
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760309-0549
From: BELFAST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760866/aaaacfkp.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 AUG 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 AUG 2004 by SilvaL0>; APPROVED <06 DEC 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INFANT, CHILD AND GUNMAN DIE IN BELFAST VIOLENCE
TAGS: PINT, UK, EI
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006